

Frequently Asked Questions on OPC's Proposition 1 Grant Program

1. Is the OPC coordinating with other agencies with Proposition 1 grant funding?
Yes, OPC staff has been coordinating with several different agencies with overlapping priorities to achieve the maximum benefit from projects and State bond funds.
2. Are Public universities (California State Universities or Universities of California) eligible applicants?
Yes. Public universities are considered eligible as a public agency under the California Department of Education.
3. Are Federal agencies eligible applicants?
No. Federal agencies are **not** considered eligible applicants. But they can be partners on a project. See question 4.
4. Can a project with multiple partners apply?
Yes. For projects with multiple partners, phases, and landowners, applicants may work together and submit a single applicant for a combined grant to provide greater ecosystem benefits. The combined grant must be submitted and managed by a single eligible entity.
5. Is there a maximum or minimum grant award?
Yes. The minimum award is \$250,000. However, the OPC will consider an exemption to this minimum for disadvantaged community applications.
6. How are disadvantaged communities defined?
Disadvantaged communities are defined by Proposition 1 as a community with less than 80% of State's median income (California Water Code §79505.5a and §79735c). DWR has developed an [online map viewer](#) which enables the public to see the boundaries of the disadvantaged communities, based on census data including the American Community Survey.
7. Will all of the grant funding be awarded in the first round?
No, we will not allocate all of the Prop 1 funding in the first round. There will be multiple opportunities to apply and be considered for funding.